

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 6, and 9 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-15 are pending.

The claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the article "One-Stop ASP Service for Small and Midsize Businesses Could Be the End of Packaged Small Business Software" (PR Newswire; New York; April 17, 2000), hereinafter One-Stop ASP Service, in view of official notice regarding e-commerce. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and for the following reasons.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to further distinguish the invention from the "One-Stop" reference. In particular, Applicants have set forth that the application service providing method of the invention includes comparing the function requirements required by the user with the functions of the applications to calculate satisfaction degrees of the respective applications to switch the currently operating application to another application having a higher satisfaction degree for execution. Claim 3 has been amended to set forth that the currently operating application is

switched to the other application if the currently operating application does not satisfy or is predicted not to satisfy the user requirements or the satisfaction degree of the currently operating application is predicted to decrease.

Claims 6 and 9 have been similarly amended.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the specification, see page 28, lines 15-20, and figures 13, 14, 18 and 19. When the application currently operating changes its capability (function, performance, charge), the system operates to dynamically switch the application to another application in order to satisfy the requirements proposed by the user. For accomplishing the dynamic application switching function, the present invention discloses an application exchanging unit 107. The application exchanging unit 107 monitors the operation of the currently operating application or receives the change in currently operating application as a change event and determines whether the current operating application satisfies the requirements proposed by the user. See page 29, lines 22-28 of the specification. To switch to the other application, the system of the present invention compares the function requirements proposed by the user with


the functions of the applications to calculate the satisfaction degrees of the respective applications. Then, the system selects the application with the higher satisfaction degree. See, for example, page 13, line 24 to page 14, line 20 of the specification and page 29, lines 1-15 with reference to figure 14.

The pending claims are patentable over the "One-Stop" service reference. In the "One-Stop" service reference, the operation platforms of internet business services (ibs) are provided to a user through a StageBuilder platform. The user selects the available businesses from a menu on a Web site and performs data exchange. However, the reference does not monitor or evaluate the capability of the currently operating application and does not select alternative applications, as in the present invention. Further, the reference does not disclose or suggest the switching claimed by Applicants, for example, in claim 1, in which the currently operating application is switched to another application having a higher satisfaction degree for execution, which is determined by comparing the function requirements required by the user with the functions of the applications. Accordingly, the reference

does not render the claims unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), whether or not the references considered in combination with the official notice taken by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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